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Dear Friend:

As we prepare for the upcoming hot summer months, I believe it is a perfect time to raise an issue that continues to be ignored by the U.S. Congress and the Bush Administration. The issue of climate change and global warming is one of the most critical problems facing not only our country, but also our planet. There is irrefutable scientific evidence to justify taking action on climate change and we must do so now.

In doing so, however, it is important that we begin with modest, efficient, and fair steps towards reducing greenhouse gas emissions. Modest by setting realistic goals for short-term emissions reductions with an eye towards long-term gains. Efficient by implementing a policy that regulates greenhouse gas emissions at the fewest points in the market possible. And fair by linking our country's efforts to reduce emissions to efforts of developing countries, thereby ensuring that our competitiveness is not reduced and we not bare an unfair share of the burden of reducing emissions.

I spoke yesterday on the floor of the House in greater detail about the kind of comprehensive climate change policy our nation needs. Congress must take action to implement a comprehensive climate change policy and must act soon. To learn more about this issue and to read my full statement, please [click here](#).

Very truly yours,

Tom Udall